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UFO is seen in area



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Jennifer Gatlin (Mrs. Dennis) Lindsey and her three kids left the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gatlin, near Thompson Church in Amite County about 8:30 Thursday night to return to the Lindsey home on Pepper Tree Road east of Centreville.

Mrs. Lindsey, Scott, 9, Chad, 6, and Katie, 2, had passed through Liberty and were close to Berwick when the children first sighted "something" with a great lot of "very bright" lights — 10 or 12 of them — moving in the air from north to south.

Jennifer said that, while she could hardly estimate its height in the sky, "it was up about like a small airplane; not so high as a big jet."

As they drove on toward home, the Lindseys saw the object go out of sight to the south. But, in short order, it had returned to vision, moving westward in such a way the only light they could see was a "red light on the back."

WHEN THEY REACHED HOME, four miles east of Centreville, they again saw the UFO, moving eastward and eventually passing "very slowly and low" above the house.

The object was shaped like an arrowhead, Mrs. Lindsey said, adding that it appeared to be made of a metallic material "like chrome, but flat - without a glow."

Behind it, separately, was a red light, traveling in tandem with the leading device which, she said, "looked bigger than a large jet plane to me."

After the sighted objects had disappeared to the east, they obviously turned around and, 30 minutes afterward, again moved over the Lindsey house, going west again.

"This time," Jennifer Lindsey said, "there was no red light behind."

WHEN SHE CALLED her friend, Karen (Mrs. Anthony) Yarborough, who lives inside Centreville, Jennifer learned that she also had seen the phenomenon.

Mrs. Yarborough called the airport at Baton Rouge only to find it had no knowledge of the UFO. The same was true when she called the Air Force installation at Keesler Field. But the latter place gave the women a number at Seattle, Wash., presumably a center for receiving reports of Unidentified Flying Objects.

The man there gathered all the information the two had and, not long afterward — about 10:30 p. m. — there was a call from another center, this time at Washington, D. C.

Except for learning that their UFO, or something just like it, had been reported sighted at Brookhaven and "in Louisiana," they did not get a whole lot of specific data on the occurrence. ←

PERSONALLY, I've never seen a UFO but, as you, I've been reading about them for close to 35 years and long since stopped doubting the general accuracy of any pertinent reports.

In addition, this story came straight from people who rate very high with me.

Actually, the first I heard of it was from Jack Gatlin Saturday morning.

Then, Sunday night, Tommy Parker — who had also heard about it from some of the participants — called to tell me just about what is told in the foregoing.

While he wasn't at home, and didn't see the UFO, Mrs. Yarborough's husband is the Methodist minister originally from Johnson Chapel and former pastor at St. Andrew's church here who now serves a church at Centrveille.

Mrs. Lindsey's husband lived here many years. He is the son of Highway Patrolman and Mrs. Aubrey Lindsey, now, I believe, of Tylertown.